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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: UANC TO RECONSIDER ITS PRESENCE IN
INTERIM GOVERNMENT

1. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, THE UANC DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, BENSON NDAMERA, ISSUED A STATEMENT ON JUNE 7 IN WHICH HE CALLED FOR A RECONSIDERATION OF THE UANC PRESENCE IN THE INTERIM GOVERNMNT. NDAMERA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT "IT IS QUITE CLEAR THE WAY WE ARE DRIFTING VIA THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AT TIS OWN CONVENIENT PACE IS DOOMED TO DISASTER. MORE AND MORE HONEST PEOPLE HAVE BEGUN TO EXPRESS VERY SERIOUS DOUBLTS ABOUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF THE SALISBURY
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AGREEMENT SUCCEEDING. IT IS VITAL AND URGENT FOR THE UANC LEADERSHIP TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF THE OVER-WHELMING MAJORITY OF ITS FOLLOWERS. I FEEL THAT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY THE UANC MUST HOLD AN EMERGENCY CONFERENCE TO SEEK A NECESSARY NEW MANDATE." NDAMERA ADDED THAT HE HAD "PAINFULLY" OBSERVED THE COMPROMISING OF UANC PRINCIPLES AND THAT THE UANC COULD NO LONGER INFLUENC

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THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT ON MAJOR ISSUES. IT IS WISE,
HE SAID, NOT TO TAKE FOR GRANTED THE SUPPORT OF UANC
FOLLOWERS AS THE UANC IS NOW BEGINNING TO APPEAR TO BE
"A SILENT SMITH POLITICAL PUPPET." THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT,
HE SAID, WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH WHITE CONFIDENCE THAN
BLACK PARTICIPATION AND PROGRESS.

2. COMMENT: NDAMERA HAS RESURFACED THE DIVISIVE FEELINGS
THAT PREVAILED AT THE TIME OF THE HOVE DISMISSAL AND THE
UANC'S BELABORED DECISION NOT TO QUIT OVER THAT INCIDENT.
IT WAS OUR INFORMATION AT THE TIME THAT THERE WAS A
STRONG GRASSROOTS FEELING FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS A SPLIT WITHIN THE PARTY EXECUTIVE
ITSELF. (CAPE TOWN 990 AND 1003). NDAMERA'S STATEMENT IS
EVIDENCE THAT THIS SPLIT HAS NOT HEALED.
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